



## DIVISION OF OIL. GAS AND MINING

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Mr. Roger B.Smith Manager of Mining Operations Energy Fuels Nuclear, Incorporated 2555 North Highway 89A HC 64, Box 152 Fredonia, Arizona 86022

Re: Surety Bond Reduction, Energy Fuels Nuclear, Inc., Repete & Lee Mines, M/037/038, San

Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is forwarded in response to your more recent request for a reduction in the amount of reclamation surety for the reclaimed Repete and Lee uranium mines located in San Juan County, Utah. In recognition of the reclamation performed on these mine sites and recommendations based upon onsite inspections conducted by the Bureau of Land Management and Division, we hereby authorize you to reduce the existing \$10,386 surety bond amount to \$1206. We will need to retain \$1206 of the surety amount to cover supplemental reseeding costs should the previous seeding prove unsuccessful. A revised reclamation surety estimate is attached for your reference.

You may notify your surety company that they may reduce the required surety amount to \$1206. This may be accomplished by issuing a rider to the existing surety bond, or by submitting an alternate form of replacement reclamation surety. We will need to conduct another site inspection to determine revegetation success sometime in the spring of 1996. Final release of the remaining reclamation surety amount will be determined at that time. Please contact Wayne Hedberg or Tony Gallegos of the Minerals Staff if you have additional questions or concerns in this regard.

Very truly yours,

James W. Carter

Director

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Attachment

Ted McDougal, San Juan RA

Minerals staff (route)

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## RECLAMATION ESTIMATE

Energy Fuels Nuclear, Incorporated

Repete & Lee Mine sites

last revision

08/02/95

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M/037/038

**Grand County** 

Prepared by Utah State Division of Oil, Gas & Mining

## **Details of Final Reclamation**

- -This estimate is a reformatted version of the March 21, 1979 DOGM estimate
- -This estimate does not revise any of the original estimate costs
- -The plan included: sealing 3 inclines, removal of structures & equipment, removal of trash & debris, regrading of spoil piles, scarification & seeding of disturbances, supervisor labor, removal of hazardous substances, reseeding & monitoring if necessary
- -Portal areas #1 & #2 at the Repete Mine are on Navajo Indian Reservation lands
- -Portal #2 & access to the portal/pad are on BLM lands
- -The majority of the Lee Mine is split estate with private surface & federal mineral rights
- -A majority of the reclamation was completed in July-August 1993
- -The shaded lines indicate work which has been completed & funds which can be released
- -A final inspection to evaluate revegetation success needs to be performed Spring 1996

| -Estimated total disturbed area for the | Repete & Lee Mine sites =  | 6.0            |          |
|---|----------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Activity                                | Quantity Units             |                | \$       |
| Removal of structures & equipment       | 1 lump su                  | im 500.00      | 500      |
| Removal of trash & debris               | 1 lump su                  | m 500.00       | 500      |
| Leveling pads & roads                   | included in haulage & grad | ding line item | - 0      |
| Haulage & grading of spoils & waste     | 20 hours                   | 85             | 1,700    |
| Recontouring highwalls & excavations    | included in haulage & grad | ting line item | 0        |
| Spreading soil materials                | included in haulage & grad |                | 0        |
| Soil fertilization, scarification, etc. | 6.0 acres                  | 25             | 150      |
| Seeding or planting                     | 6.0 acres                  | 150            | 900      |
| Constructing terraces, water bars, etc. | 0.0 acres                  | 0              | 0        |
| Supervision                             | 20.0 hours                 | 10             | 0        |
| Labor exclusive of buildozer time       | 0.0 hours                  | 0              | 0        |
| Erection of fences, portal coverings et | c 3.0 portais              | 1000           | 3,000    |
| Removal or neutralization of hazardou   |                            | im 100         | 100      |
| Reseeding of 6 acres                    | 6.0 acres                  | 150            | 900      |
|   | Subtota                    | ıl             | 7,750    |
| 5% inflation for 6 years (CAF =1.3401   | )                          |                | 2,636    |
| , ,                                     |                            | 1985-\$        | \$10,386 |
|   |                            |                |          |
| Amount of surety which can be release   | ed now (shaded Items + inf | lation)        | 39 180   |

Amount of surety which needs to be retained until final release

\$1,206

REPETE & LEE MINE SITE

Average cost per acre retained =

\$201